House Resolution No. 718

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cole, treasured residents of Houston, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on February 6, 2005, with a festive celebration at the Houston Senior Center; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on February 6, 1955, Leroy Cole and Ethel Altis began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the Providence Freewill Baptist Church in Cabool; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Cole provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a stellar employee of the Forestry Department while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Eagles Club; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who likes gardening, canning vegetables, and cooking for those she loves, Mrs. Cole enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a CMT for twelve years and member of the Eagles Club; and

Whereas, Leroy and Ethel Cole attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their four children, Terry Cole, Becky Cole Collins, Jimmy Cole, and Irene Cole Massey; and their nine children and seven great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Leroy and Ethel Cole have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Leroy and Ethel Cole upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cole.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 718, adopted February 22, 2005.